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## Intruder Shot by Van Nuys Resident Charged with Assault

A 25-year-old man who was shot after breaking into a Van Nuys guest house was charged today with assault and other charges, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Grachia Nalbandyan (dob 12/19/88) of Glendale, faces one count each of assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats and attempted grand theft auto.

Arraignment for case LA079250 has been scheduled for Oct. 7 in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

The defendant entered a Van Nuys guest house on Sept. 15, threatening to kill the man that lives there, prosecutors said. The defendant and the victim did not know each other. After a struggle in which Nalbandyan hit the victim with a glass measuring cup, the defendant left and headed toward the main house, prosecutors added.

The victim retrieved his handgun, followed Nalbandyan and reportedly told him to leave as he fired warning shots into the ground. When the defendant allegedly threatened to kill the victim again, he shot him once on the hip. Nalbandyan then attempted to escape by stealing a car, prosecutors said.

If convicted of all charges the defendant faces a maximum sentence of more than seven years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Van Nuys Division.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.